

# RU Wins To Stay In Title Race

Shades of 1967? Could be from where Coach Bob Atkins of Redford Union High's football team sits. RU's 7-0 win over Belleville Friday not only gave RU a 1-1 record in Suburban Six League action, but "puts us right back into the picture," according to Atkins.

three league games to wind up as co-champs. And, the same thing could happen again. "Remember that this is a very tough league," says Atkins. "It's a rare season when a team goes through unbeaten." He notes that co-leaders Plymouth and Allen Park must play each other yet, but then

ahead for Redford Union are games with the Parkers (next Friday) and later Plymouth. "We just have to keep winning now," adds Atkins, as he feels his team is beginning to show signs of jelling after a tough start.

over Belleville. The losers never penetrated the RU 30 and were held to less than 100 yards. Tom Tullock, Kurt Fritz, Mike Barker, Tony Long and Dean Naudu sparked up front for the winners.

period kickoff when Redford Union put on a 65-yard drive with Bill Booker croaking over for the final yard. The running of quarterback Bill Herbert, Booker and Tim Mitchell aided in the drive. So did a key third down pass from Herbert to Naudu for 15 yards to keep things alive.

Redford Union fluffed a great chance in the second period, marching 20 yards and gaining a first down on the Belleville 4. But RU got only three more yards before losing the ball on the one.

HE WELL REMEMBERS how last year RU won its final

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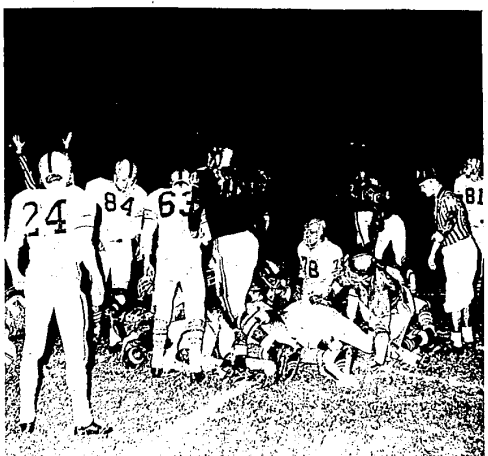
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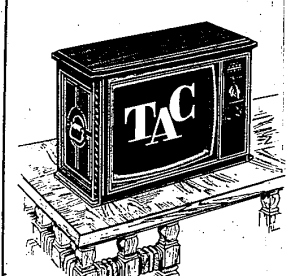
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TOUCHDOWN FOR RU - Bill Booker (directly below No. 84) smashes into the end zone for the one touchdown in RU's 7-0 league victory over Belleville. It was tough going all the way but the Redford Union offense got into the end zone. Note referee's hands in air as signal for a six-pointer. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

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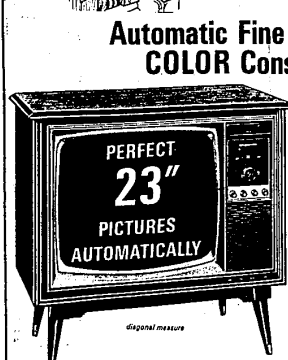
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### County Buys Golf Course

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission has announced purchase of Twin Lakes Golf Course in Waterford for \$675,000. The 138-acre parcel is the sixth park area in the county system. The Parks Commission will retain Jack Vought, present manager of the privately-owned Twin Lakes Course. Present plans are to revamp and upgrade the back nine to the same condition as the front nine. In addition, a small picnic area will be developed for reserved use.

The acquisition is part of a continuing Commission policy to acquire outstanding recreation areas for a quality county park system.

### WSU Patsy

Wayne State University has played Washington (No. 1) three times in Detroit. Each has been a Tartar homecoming (1951, 1954, 1958) and a WSU victory.

harness meeting ushers in its 40-night season Thursday with the high promise of another outstanding sulky presentation.

Leon A. Slavin's transplanted operation starts its second year at Northville but it will be the first at the "complete," modernized race course. Since the Slavin regime debuted here last December with Michigan's first winter season, Northville Downs has completed its tri-level clubhouse which should be an added lure to the patrons as well as the front-line standardbred performers.

Minus the clubhouse, constant snow and a head and head battle with Canada's Windsor Raceway, the inaugural Jackson-Northville campaign averaged \$208,339 nightly with a total mutual handle of \$6,850,165.

It is significant that the meeting reached this figure after giving Windsor a three-week head start before taking up the chase. The 1970 renewal finds the international racing rivals starting on virtually even terms since Windsor's season began Oct. 5 against the final nights of Volvaine's highly successful meeting.

Slavin isn't making vocal predictions but a nightly average of \$35,000 wouldn't make him unhappy. The upcoming session will

carry an 8 p.m. posttime with 10 races nightly featuring the Big Perfecta on the fifth and seventh races and an individual perfecta on the 10th race, plus the daily double. Northville's regular summer meeting did not offer Big P wagering.

Director of racing Gary Buxton has more than 700 horses to draw from in writing his nightly program and has fashioned an attractive initial card highlighted by the Inaugural Pace in the eighth race.

The standouts in this one mile dash for \$1,500 appear to be Owen Kelly's Spook Time and Bourbon Way, racing for United Stock Farms of Leonard, Mich., and Wallace Karvitz of Brooklyn.

### St. Thomas, Agatha Tie

The worst kind of a football game is one which winds up in a scoreless tie.

That was the result of Saturday nights St. Agatha homecoming against Ann Arbor St. Thomas.

The hosts had two great chances. Once they reached the St. Thomas 5, only to lose the ball on downs. Later, a fumble cost St. Agatha possession on the St. Thomas 3.

YET, AS FAR as coach Mike Beman of St. Agatha was concerned, there were reasons to cheer and for him as coach to enjoy satisfaction.

"The improvement in three weeks by this team has been tremendous," said Beman. "This weekend will see St. Agatha playing Mt. Carmel, which upbeaten and leading the Southwest Division.

"It wouldn't surprise me if we upset them," said Beman. Sophomore Pat Brown, who scales 210 pounds, gained over 100 yards against St. Thomas while Charley Schrock passed for another 100 yards with Denny Blazok his favorite target.

The closest St. Thomas could come was the St. Agatha 25.

## observing sports

So much changes... We stood there thinking about it the other evening when standing at the corners of 8th Ave. and 49th St. in New York.

Looking across kitty corner there no longer is any reminder that until a couple of years ago there stood the famed old Madison Square Garden.

In its place...a parking lot for several hundred cars.

The fights, the hockey battles, the basketball action, the circuses...all the other great events of years gone by that happened at 8th Ave. and 49th St...they're gone now...moved some 15 blocks south to the new Madison Square Garden.

Up in the Bronx as you drive by on the expressway, you one spotted Yankee Stadium on the right and the Polo Grounds on the left.

Yankee Stadium still stands, but the Polo Grounds like Ebberets Field, once the home of the Brooklyn Dodgers, have given way to apartment buildings.

So it goes...in Cincinnati, where they are holding a World Series this week, the complex field called Crosley Field has yielded to a modern stadium...Ditto in Pittsburgh and St. Louis and a flock of other cities.

The memories exist...but that's about all. CHANCES ARE PRETTY good now that those of who have loved Tiger Stadium, which before that we knew as Briggs Stadium and Navin Field...will be shedding a tear before long.

A new domed athletic structure is in the works for Detroit, and when it arises and when it opens...what happens to the present ball yard of the Tigers and the Lions?

They'll tear it down and maybe some new homes or an apartment complex will sprout out. Yes, so much changes.

Look at what happened to the Tigers in the few, short days since the recent season ended.

Billy Martin has replaced Mayo Smith as manager...Denny McLain, Don Wert, Elliott Maddox and Norm McRae have been dealt away.

And, there'll be more changes. That you can be assured of.

PERSONALLY, WE HATE to see Denny McLain go. Granted he has caused problems. He's been his own worst enemy.

But, he's been a good pitcher, One of the best. Two years ago he brought Detroit a world title. In other years he's kept the Tigers close.

They didn't have him in 1970 and you know what had happened.

We kind of thought that Billy Martin would make McLain a personal target...that Martin would want to show the baseball and sports world how he could make something out of Denny again.

It's rather obvious that the Tiger front office wanted no part of McLain. General Manager Jim Campbell had been burned enough.

CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES...but one thing that doesn't change is the roster of the Detroit Red Wings and one name—Gordie Howe.

He's begun his 25th season and what a man, this resident of Southfield-Lathrup, has been to sports, to the Detroit community, to the world in general.

He's become the greatest in the history of hockey and somehow when historians sit down in the next generation and wonder about who might be the No. 1 athlete of the 20th century, they couldn't go wrong selecting Gordie Howe.

Sure there are names like Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, Joe Louis and Cassius Clay, Walter Hagen and Arnold Palmer, Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell, etc., etc.

But when you're looking for (1) a great athlete and (2) a class guy, you have to start with one guy and one guy alone—Gordie Howe.

Gordie has just signed what he says will be his last playing contract with the Wings. This year and next.

No doubt he's serious...26 years should be enough as an active performer for any athlete. Most don't last five years in the big shows.

But somehow we sit here and hope that after this year and next, Gordie will say to everyone: "I was just kidding; I'm going to play some more."

His is one change we trust won't ever mark the sports news. Unfortunately, it will.

### Prep Schedule

FRIDAY  
Bentley at Belleville, 8 p.m.  
Redford Union at Allen Park, 8 p.m.  
Garden City East at Riverview, 7:30 p.m.  
Farmington at Southfield-Lathrup, 8 p.m.  
Riverside at Garden City West, 8 p.m.  
Franklin at John Glenn, 8 p.m.  
Stevenson at Pontiac Northern, 8 p.m.  
Walled Lake Western at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Kettering, 8 p.m.  
Plymouth at Trenton, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY  
Farmington Harrison vs. Waterford Mott at Farmington High, 2 p.m.  
Groves at North Farmington, 2 p.m.  
Bishop Borgess vs. Gabriel Richard at Riverview, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY  
Our Lady of Sorrows vs. Orchard Lake St. Mary's at Farmington High, 2:30 p.m.  
St. Agatha vs. Mt. Carmel at Wyandotte, 2:30 p.m.

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